

12 March 1975

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Note to DCI

Bill,

On 26 February you approved the establishment of a small staff of SIGINT officers for the SIGINT Committee with a provision that the officers selected by the Chairman be approved by the Director, NSA. I would like to dissuade you from including that provision for the following reasons:

a. The Chairman, [redacted] was selected from and resides 25X1 at NSA.

b. Approval by the Director, NSA implies a veto power over an individual selected by [redacted] or Carl Duckett, a situation 25X1 which would cause possible problems for all concerned.

c. This could lead to some concern within the community that the SIGINT Committee has "tilted" toward NSA.

The SIGINT Committee is unique among USIB committees in that its purpose is to develop community guidance, policies, etc. for use primarily by one program manager. As such there are many occasions when the deliberations develop into confrontation between the community on the one hand and NSA on the other. I do not mean to suggest that this is an unhealthy or counter productive phenomenon but a natural consequence of such a mechanism.

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I am advised that you discussed your choice of Alternative 1 (establishment of a staff) with Lew without direct mention of the added provision. [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned to Lew the change you incorporated which provided for Lew's approval of the staff officers. I am told that it is a position Lew would rather not be in. After consultation with the people directly involved, I propose an alternative solution, changing the sentence to read "these officers will be selected by the Chairman, in consultation with USIB members as appropriate...."

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I recommend your approval

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6. While there is room for concern that an augmented staff would become self-serving, I do not believe this would evolve. Not only is [redacted] attuned to the criticism such action would cause, the Committee representatives would continue to hold dominion over the Committee's work.

7. You will recall that there was considerable discussion concerning the staff augmentation and their being colocated with the SIGINT Secretariat on a full-time basis. As I indicated in my 26 December 1974 note (Tab 1), Jack Blake and I can work this problem should you choose to approve the augmentation alternative. In view of other priority tasks, I do not believe this must be accomplished as a matter of urgency.

8. In view of the many tasks currently assigned to the Committee and the much mentioned "bad condition of SIGINT requirements," I believe an investment as recommended by [redacted] would result in significant dividends in the long run. Request your decision.

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Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
D/DCI/IC

Attachments

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DCI Decision:

Alternative 1

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Alternative 2

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3 para 5 (see dip)

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guards particular information or materials needed by the committee and pertinent to its functions.

5. Composition, organization and rules of procedure will be in accordance with the provision of DCID 1/3. *The committee will have an

Executive Secretariat and a small staff of SIGINT officers. These officers will be selected by the Chairman, with the approval of the committee, ~~and the~~ on the basis of their knowledge of technical sources and the usefulness of these sources to consumers of intelligence.

~~* This section would be deleted under Alternative 2.~~

W. E. Colby
Director

Director NSA,

Alternative Solution

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Mr. Colby has approved the alternative wording of the DCID dealing with the SIGINT Committee Staff. I have alerted John [redacted] who will prepare the DCID for distribution.

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THE SIGINT COMMITTEE

1. The SIGINT Committee was established in May 1962 to advise, assist and generally act for the USIB in matters involving SIGINT. Membership consists of CIA, DIA, State, NSA, AEC, FBI, Treasury and the three services. The AEC and FBI are not active participants. [redacted]

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[redacted] The Chairman is appointed by the DCI. The Committee meets on the average of three times a month.

2. There are three subcommittees responsible for SIGINT

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[redacted] Executive Secretary also serves as the Deputy Executive Secretary, USIB. The remainder of the SIGINT Committee staff consists of one full-time intelligence assistant. Also, [redacted] has a full-time Executive Secretary and a secretary.

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3. Duties of the SIGINT Committee include:

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[redacted]
c. Develops and recommends policies and procedures for the protection of SIGINT.

d. Prepares statements of SIGINT requirements and priorities taking into account the U. S. intelligence objectives and priorities established by the DCI.

e. Evaluates the responsiveness of SIGINT to the U. S. intelligence objectives and priorities.

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SIGINT COMMITTEE
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

12 November 1975

Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Department of Defense
3E258, The Pentagon

Dear Danny:

Please accept my apology for the tardiness of this response to your memorandum of 4 October 1975. As you are aware, the delay was occasioned by my absence on TDY in Europe.

Your affirmative reply to my request for nominations of professionals to serve as members of the newly approved permanent staff augmentation for the SIGINT Committee is deeply appreciated. I know both nominees well, and I am fully aware that my selection of either of these individuals will represent a significant loss to your own organization. The choice confronting me has been extremely difficult because of the obviously outstanding qualifications of both individuals. However, in considering the tasks with which the SIGINT Committee is being and will be confronted downstream, I feel that it would be more prudent for me to select that nominee with the longest and more intimate experience in the previous activities of the SIGINT Committee. Accordingly, I request that

25X1 [redacted] be made available as a senior member of my SIGINT Committee staff at the earliest possible date. In this capacity, [redacted] will be expected to support me as Chairman and the Committee to develop several important projects and long-term objectives. He will chair working groups of the Committee which will require him to maintain continuing contact with senior officers of the USIB member agencies, other committees of USIB and the NIOs. I can assure you unhesitatingly that

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[redacted] role in national SIGINT matters will make full demand upon his experience, seniority and capabilities. Indeed, it is these very attributes that have prompted me to chose him to serve with me in the SIGINT endeavor.

Many thanks again for your help. I feel certain that [redacted] assignment will be mutually rewarding to him, DIA and the SIGINT Committee. 25X1



Chairman

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[redacted] has written to
 [redacted] affirming his
 desire to have DIA employee
 [redacted] assigned to
 the SIGINT Comte staff to
 head up SIGRIVES. [redacted]
 is in process and should be
 cleared to come aboard soon.

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